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### A Professor Dabbles in Dolls.

A learned professor has recently brought to light some facts concerning children and dolls. We are told that whereas out of 845 children 191 preferred wax dolls, as many as 144 pronounced in favor of rag ones. Odd preferences are sometimes shown with regard to size. A lady states that she preferred four-inch half-penny dolls, "because there was so much more to be done with these in the way of putting on wigs made from door-nuts, inking-in eyebrows, etc." On the other hand, another English lady declares that her childish ambition was the possession of a big doll—"one that would fill my arms and take some of the cuddling that I wanted to bestow, and which nobody seemed to want."

—Spide Moments.

### Limited Liability Scenery.

British admirers of rural scenery will have, before very long, to go farther afield for enjoyment. As it was not had enough for vendors of pills and mustard to disfigure nature's beautiful handiwork with hideous advertisements, commercial enterprise has hit upon another method of making profit out of scenic charm. A limited liability company in Yorkshire has come into existence for that express purpose. It farms the picturesque, and then charges so much a head for the purpose of looking at it. In one instance it has acquired a complete monopoly of a wide stretch of beautiful country, and admission to view can not be obtained without the payment of sixpence.

—The Globe.

### On the Wrong Tack.

"Here," said Mr. Hayrick, as he drew his hand away from the fortune teller, "you said in your advertisement that you guaranteed satisfaction, didn't you?"

"Yes," the seventh daughter of a seventh daughter (born with a veil replied.

"Well, if you think you're giving me satisfaction by settin' there and sayin' that my wife's a-goin' to forgive and come back to live with me, you're darn badly mistaken."

### An Indisputable Assertion.

When the hot weather really comes it will be the woman who loathes overshoes and fur tippets, who growled at the sight of a mackintosh and who broke the ribs of her umbrella to give vent to her feelings about blizzards—she's the one who will weep and wail the most at the first warm wave.

### Almost Criminal Neglect.

"Here," said the statesman who had been temporary chairman of the convention, "I'd like to know what kind of a party organ you're runnin', any way."

"Why," the editor asked, "what's wrong?"

"In your account of the proceedings you have not once referred to my speech as 'a ringing address.'"

### A Face.

Mrs. Grump: Have you a good memory for faces, John?

Mr. Grump: Yes. I remember your face when I could look at it without feeling ill, but I'm hanged if I can now.—Judy.

### Strange Story of Amanda Smith.

Evangelist Amanda Smith, the only negro woman exhorter in the world, once got into an altercation with her husband's son-in-law in Brooklyn. The man, whose name was John Bentley, cursed and berated her brutally.

"I believe," says Mrs. Smith (she has described the incident in writing) "he incurred the displeasure of God, as did Elymas, the sorcerer, who withstood Paul and sought to turn away Sergius Paulus from the faith, and was stricken blind when St. Paul denounced him."

"When John Bentley cursed and swore at me I did not know he was going to strike me. I went up to him and looked him in the face and said to him:

"When you have been at my house haven't I always treated you well? Why should you curse me in this way?"

"He went on talking and abused me terribly. There seemed to come an indescribable power over me, and I turned and lifted my hand toward him and said to him:

"Mind, John Bentley, the God that I serve will make you pay for this before the year is out."

"He said: 'Well, I don't care if He does. Let Him do it.'"

"He had not more than said the words when he seemed to tremble and stagger. There was a chair behind him and he dropped down into the chair. I never saw him from that day. This was about two weeks before Christmas, and before the new year came John Bentley was dead and buried.

"I always feel sad when I think of it, but I believe that God was displeased with that man for cursing me that day."

### A 500 Gallon Cask of Ale.

A curious custom in connection with the birth of an heir to the earldom of Carnarvon is now being observed at Highclere Castle, says the London Chronicle. The traditions of the family require that on such occasions 500 gallons of ale should be brewed and that the cask remain unopened until the heir attains his majority. From oak grown on the Highclere estate a Newbury cooper has made a huge cask hooped with brass, and bearing a coronet and inscription plate of the same metal. The inscription runs: "May Highclere flourish. This cask of ale, containing 500 gallons, was brewed in commemoration of the birth of Lord Porchester, born Nov. 7, 1898. Albert Streatfield, butler, Highclere Castle, 1899."

### Little Brown Teapot Again.

Old-fashioned brown teapots, which have been relegated to oblivion from the tables of the rich for so many years, have come to the fore again, and are altogether the fad. Tea lovers, who profess that tea should be brewed in no other kind of teapot, are largely responsible for its revived popularity. Be that as it may, the little brown teapot is the latest fad for a present to one's dearest friend, but it must be decorated with the monogram in gold of the person for whom it is intended.

### A Grateful Soul.

The Good Man: Sir, do you know that you are going forward to a terrible punishment?

The Inebriate: No! Zat so? I didn't know I wash headed f'r home. Much 'blige,' ol' man, f'r puttin' me on.

### A Definition.

Tommy: Pa, what's an optimist?

Pa: One who is willing to concede that the government is more important than he is.

### The Redwood Forest.

The redwood forest of California is said to be the greatest mass of natural timber in the world.

It runs in a narrow strip along the coast from the Oregon line nearly to San Francisco, covering 2000 square miles.

No other known wood furnishes so many feet of cut lumber to the acre. This is partly because the trees are very large, partly because they crowd so closely to each other that no sunlight can penetrate on their branches.

A redwood forest is a vast temple, whose foliage is its roof, whose solemn aisles are arched by massive trunks.

The mills are cutting 250,000,000 feet of redwood lumber every year. At this rate the coast will be swept of this noble forest in 200 years. In reality the destruction will be more rapid, as the cut each year increases, and it would take a thousand years for the trees to grow again.

There is no waste by fire in a redwood forest. The wood contains no pitch, is very wet with sap and will not burn standing, while the deep shade and constant rains keep the peat beneath them always moist.

### Queer Divorce Cases.

A couple—a man seventy-three years old and a woman sixty-three years old—could not agree upon a site for a grave. They sought a divorce.

A London wife of forty years recently applied for a divorce. She was used to taking three half pints of stout daily and her teetotal husband objected. The divorce was refused.

In a recent case a Cincinnati man applied for a divorce because his wife had a glass eye so skillfully fashioned that he had not known of it during courtship.

A Chicago man suing for divorce exhibited a photograph of his luxurious hair before marriage and asked the court to observe his subsequent baldness.

A California man wanted a divorce from his wife because she had gone sea-bathing barefoot.

### The Fable of the Lazy Man.

There was a lazy man who said unto himself:

"I will arise from my couch this morning with the determination of starting out to create a stir in the world. Long have I promised myself that some day I would leave off my old, slow habits; that I would do things; that I would rise! Today I shall begin!"

Thereupon he got out of bed, and when he had his left trouser leg half on and was dancing about the room on one foot his heel got into close relationship with a tack that had been sitting up all night.

And lo! it came to pass that the man did things; he rose; he made a stir!

### It Always Happens.

"Did you hear about Lucy Weston and Al Winslow falling out?"

"No! When did that happen? Pshaw, it can't be true. I saw them together at the roof garden last night."

"Yes, it's really so. They went rowing on the pond in the park day before yesterday and tried to change seats in the boat."

### A Tale of Two Cities.

"Chicago," said the Boston man, with a sneer, "has eight churches without pastors."

"Even that is not so bad," replied the man from the West. "In Boston there are two or three Edward Atkinsons on every corner who want to preach whether they have churches or not."

### Recent Cigar Seizures.

The recent seizures of several thousand cigars bearing counterfeit stamps in several cities of this and other states by the internal revenue authorities have led to numerous inquiries as to how the cigars could be released and the matter adjusted with the government. Deputy Collector Wilson was called on by a reporter at Galveston and the latter was furnished with a circular which the deputy had received from Collector Flanagan at Austin.

The treasury department forwarded the circular, which is as follows, to the internal revenue collectors:

"In reply to many inquiries relative to the course to be pursued where offers of compromise are tendered in cases where seizures of cigars with counterfeit stamps from Jacobs & Co.'s factory No. 3741, ninth district of Pennsylvania, have been made in the possession of innocent holders, you are advised that the sums offered as specific penalties and such other funds as are deemed sufficient to pay the costs should be deposited to the credit of the treasury awaiting action on the orders.

"You will forward the offers to this office. The cigars under seizure may then be released upon the purchase of proper stamps, to be affixed to the cigars. Affixing the stamps should be done by a deputy collector or in his presence. The word 'counterfeit' should be written on the counterfeit stamps. The stamps issued in payment of the tax should be affixed to the boxes by a deputy collector, who should cancel the same by six wavy lines, by use of a stencil plate or rubber stamp, and in addition thereto the collector or his deputy should put on each stamp his name or title, the collection, district, state and date of cancellation.

"These instructions do not apply to cases where the parties are owing the manufacturers for the cigars. Such cases will be treated separately.

"There is no necessity of requiring an offer of compromise in cases of a few boxes of cigars in the hands of dealers who have purchased the same in good faith from other dealers. These cases can be disposed of at once by the dealers purchasing stamps and having the cigars restamped, as above.

"Where parties are owing Jacobs & Co. steps should be taken to attach the money so as to apply it to the claim of the government for taxes due from said Jacobs.

G. W. WILSON,  
"Commissioner."

### A Texan on the Texas.

Apprentice Jos. C. Cleveland writes as follows: "I am transferred to the United States battleship Texas and I like her very well. I am the only Texas boy on her. The rest are transferred to the New Orleans, New York, Brooklyn and Indiana. At Newport, R. I., we will attend lectures at the naval college. Special drills will also be held. We will leave Newport for Boston, back to Newport, from Newport to Portsmouth, N. H., and Portland, Me.; return to Newport, leave Newport for Bar Harbor, from Bar Harbor back to Newport, returning the last of August. At each port we will stay ten to fifteen days, except at Newport. Going from port to port we will have large arm target practice and squadron exercises. I am in good health."

Waxahachie's baby show was a success.

The first advertisement ever known was placed on the doors of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

### The United States a Power for Good.

A distinguished historian writes while referring to our advent as a colonizing power, that our influence for good over European spheres will be immense. This result was just as inevitable as is the cure which follows the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It cures indigestion, constipation, and tones up the whole system.

Even ladies' visiting cards are now put up in book form. The new method consists in binding the cards in book form, a line of perforations separating the card proper from the stub. By this means the cards are always kept together, do not become soiled and take up but little room in the pocket.

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### Laundry Work Made Easy.

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